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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 693

INFO AMCONSUL KADUNA

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SUBJECT: PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR ISHAYA AUDU

REF: A) STATE 161468, B) LAGOS 6435

1. EMBASSY'S NOMINATION VC AUDU FOR THREE DAY VISIT WEST COAST WAS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE HURRIED PLEASURE TRIP, BUT SOUGHT TO AUGMENT, AT HIS REQUEST, HIS OVERVIEW OF U.S. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. WE BELIEVED THIS EXPOSURE, THOUGH BRIEF, WHEN COUPLED WITH FY 71 VISIT, WOULD PROVIDE ADDED DIMENSION TO HIS IMPROVED AND MORE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS, EDUCATION, AND INSTITUTIONS. AUDU'S "ONE OF THE FAMILY" RELATIONSHIP WITH HEAD OF STATE (HIS NEPHEW MARRIED TO GOWON'S SISTER) AND FACT THAT HIS AND GOWON'S FRIENDSHIP DATES BACK TO CHILDHOOD (BOTH GREW UP IN SAME VILLAGE WUSASA, ZARIA) ARE ALSO FACTORS THAT HAVE CAUSED US FAVORABLY ENDORSE AUDU'S REQUEST.

2. AUDU'S CHANGE OF ATTITUDE HAS TAKEN TIME AND EFFORT AND HAS RESULTED IN INCREASING COOPERATIVE VENTURES BETWEEN ABU AND EMBASSY (HE HAS REQUESTED AMERICAN HISTORY FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR 74-75 AND HAS RECENTLY AGREED SEND THREE PROFESSORS AND NINE STUDENTS ABU ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT BY ABU TRANSPORT TO USIS CO-SPONSORED URBAN PLANNING SEMINAR LAGOS NEXT MONTH). WE WOULD NOT LIKE FORFEIT THESE GAINS AND THEREFORE REQUEST DEPARTMENT VIEW NOMINATION FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE AND ISSUE GRANT.

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3. IF APPROVED, KADUNA WILL, AS INDICATED REFTEL B, CABLE
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